IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This communication is responsive to the Office Action having a mailing date of September 4, 2008. Enclosed herewith is a Petition for Two-Month Extension of Time, thereby extending the due date from December 4, 2008, to February 4, 2009. The Two-Month Extension of Time fee is paid via the online payment system.

Applicant respectfully requests that the following Amendments be entered without prejudice.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.